

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-15 and 30-37 are now pending, and claim 37 has been added, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents. No new matter is added.

It is submitted that the claims, as originally presented and as herein presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 USC 112. The new claim, as presented herein, is not submitted for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 USC sections 101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, this new claim is submitted simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Applicants verily believe that the claims as presented herein place the application in better condition for examination and allowance. Accordingly, an early and favorable examination on the merits, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance, are respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

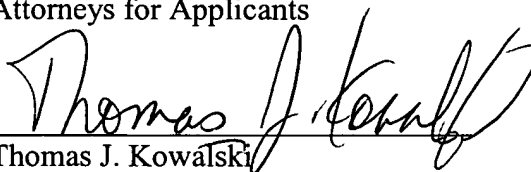
If any issue remains as an impediment to allowance, an interview with the Examiner and his supervisor is respectfully requested, prior to issuance of any paper other than a Notice of Allowance; and, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to arrange a mutually convenient time and manner for such an interview.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendment and remarks herewith, the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or an interview at a very early date with a view to placing the application in condition for allowance, are earnestly solicited. The undersigned looks forward to hearing favorably from the Examiner at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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